New Hampshire Petroleum Fund Advisory Committee May 16, 2001 9:00am

Those in attendance: Bruce Benthem, Bob Knowlton, Scott Sampson, Steven Rickerich, Brian Kisiel, Kevin Sheppard, George Lombardo, Tim Denison, Gary Lynn

# 1. Legislation Update- 4 bills in legislation

H189 raises cap to \$1.5million

MtBE Bill has been tabled for the time being

HB758 Reduction of ethers to eventually eliminate

SB189 Establish fund for clean up associated with ethers on abandoned/unknown sites.

# 2. Consultant's Day 2001

November 14 @ the Center of NH

Topic: Panel discussion on Odd Fund Issues-those in attendance to today's meeting will be on the panel.

Waiting on final topics

Recommendation - topics and summary of findings to be posted on the website for public input to use at the Consultant's Day. Looking into the Advisory Committee to get more involved and be more accessible. E-mail addresses or a general address to answer questions.

Committee member elections-vote via e-mail-all were in agreement.

#### 3. Fund Program Rulemaking

First draft should be ready by mid-late July, looking for issues to add to the rulemaking draft. Rule adoption is to be final by May 2002.

Claim process

Delegated waivers

### 4. OPUF Insurance

Letter wants insurance company to look at coverage. Insurance companies are taking to long to cover costs. Insurance companies are taking to long to cover costs. Insurance requirement has 30 initial days to respond. Need a list of insurance companies. Groundwater denial letter from insurance companies must show in where it's not covered.

#### 5. PMR/Small Spills Guidance

Raising the cost for PMR-changing rates-review issues and bring it before the board, increase and review.

### 6. Site Closure

EPA – The target are to excel site closures and release detections, currently looking closing 491 out of 962 by 2006. 50% average on closures. First 2yrs worth on target, beyond that makes it harder.

# 7. Pay for Performance

More standard pay for performance, benefit to fixed pricing. Maybe starting on the more difficult locations, so we don't get caught in the end. Release detection compliance-EPA wants more. Odd board waiting for approval on 2 positions for inspections

#### 8. Natural Attenuation Parameters

Guidance with more understanding, pre-approval, policy change, site specific, analysis and better quality.

### 9. Other Issues

Statement raised on bond issues, feel owners should kick in costs not just DES, should be a line item on the bidding process claims with bond included. Question raised on fund status and how claims are looked at. Issues raised on waiver claim, status on the list the board is waiting for. Dormant site page not on the web yet.

# 10. Next Meeting September 26, 2001 9:00-12pm